

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Approved Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: February 24, 2004
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER
& PLEDGE**

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mary Banick, Bal Daquigan, Amanda Santos, Joanne Wood, and Denny Weisgerber

Commissioners Absent: Bakshish Sandhu

Alternates Present: Joyce Dovlet, Ed Connor

Council Liaison: Vice Mayor Trish Dixon

Alternate Joyce Dovlet was seated for Bakshish Sandhu

Staff Present: Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator
Cherie Sherrod, Public Service Assistant
Roseann Costabile, Nutrition Site Manager

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: to adopt the Agenda.
M/S: Wood/Banick
Ayes: Unanimous

III. MINUTES

MOTION: to approve the Minutes of the December 23, 2003, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.
M/S: Banick/Daquigan
Ayes: Unanimous

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson explained that the donation made by Margie LaCourse was actually deposited in the Nutrition Site Council account and not the SAC account and an updated financial report would be mailed to Commissioners.
MOTION: to approve the financial report December 18, 2003-February 24, 2004.
M/S: Wang/Daquigan
Ayes: Unanimous

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V. CITIZEN FORUM

None.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson announced that the the Grand Opening of the Senior Center Modular Buildings would be held Saturday, February 28, 2004, at 10:00 am. Ms. Wilson further mentioned that the modular building would be referred to as the Senior Center Annex. Commissioners Daquigan, Wang, Banick, Wood and Dovlet indicated they would be attending the celebration. Ms. Wilson stated that if any current Commissioners want to run for Members at Large, they should inform Ms. Wilson. She read through the rest of the announcements and correspondence as noted on page 1 of the Agenda.

Police Chief Lawson stated that the Milpitas Police Department was selected to receive a 2003-2004 Cal State Juvenile Justice Award for their programs in Juvenile prevention and service. The Police department has reached out for years with programs such as PAL (Police Athletic League) and D.A.R.E. He further stated that the award covers prevention, education, diversion and activities. He stated they are happy to receive this award and will pick it up in March in Fresno. Chief Lawson recognized Sargent Steve Petrakovitz as the mastermind in heading up these recognized programs, and Sargent Max Nobida who now oversees them.

Chief Lawson also mentioned that they had an In-House Senior Volunteer Recognition to honor the seniors for reaching some milestones. He stated that there were 17 volunteers and 7 of them had volunteered for 250 hours, 2 volunteered for 500 hours and Ed Wagner had volunteered for 1,000 hours since the program began approximately 13 months ago. The senior volunteers received a certificate and a pin to place on their uniform. He further stated he appreciated their hard work.

Vice Mayor Dixon asked Chief Lawson to plan to have the senior volunteers recognized before City Council at the 2nd meeting in March.

Cherie Sherrod, Public Services Assistant, announced this is her last meeting with the Commission due to her family moving. The Commission and staff thanked her for her service at the meetings.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

**1. Senior Center Projects
Update**

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson announced that the modular project was complete and that use of the facility begins Monday, March 1, 2004. The second phase of the project would be the remodel of the main hall, which would include the upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, the moving of staff offices and a game room. Ms. Wilson stated that plans are still being

worked on and the bid process would begin after the completion of the plans.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Self Rapid Transit Presentation.

Rob Means a representative of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association made a presentation on PRT (Personal Rapid Transit). PRT is an alternate transportation system to the bus or light rail. It runs on an elevated guideway (track). The cabs would hold 1-3 people and maybe a bike or luggage. There would be small stations that would have cabs available for riders. The system would run "off-line" which means riders could go from point A to point X without making numerous stops. Riders would have a card like a gas card that they would deposit money and it would code the card and deduct the money according to your destination. The PRT moves as many as 3 lanes of traffic of freeway at 6,000 riders per hour. This system could be used throughout Milpitas and or to connect certain areas within the city. It is compatible with other transportation systems.

Ed Connor stated he has another transportation system that he would like to present to the SAC. He would like to have his presentation agendaized.

2. Election of Officers

Chair Weisgerber stated that as required in the Senior Advisory Commission Bylaws, the selection of a Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer is to take place at the first meeting of the calendar year from the appointed members for a term of one year.

The Senior Advisory Commission re-appointed Denny Weisgerber as Chair, and appointed Bal Daquigan as Vice Chair, Albert Wang as Treasurer with a unanimous vote. They will serve in these positions until February 2005.

3. Senior Center Class Changes

Ms Wilson read the background information as noted on page 2 of the agenda. She further explained the main reasons for these changes are that several students have consistently been late paying for their classes and staff is conforming to IRS restrictions regarding regular City employees versus contract employees. She explained that she wanted the Commission to be aware of these changes in case participants came to them.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson read the report as noted on page 2 of the agenda. She further explained that the "Empty Pot" potlucks would be different. The Senior Center

would provide the complete meal for \$1.00 per person for members and \$2.00 for non-members.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Nutrition Site Manager, Roseann Costabile read the report as noted on page 3 of the agenda.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council

Vice Mayor Dixon stated that the long range plan for the Senior Center at the library location would have \$11 million invested in it. It will have a commercial kitchen that would be divided to serve meals at the Senior Center and to serve the rental groups. She also stated that BART is not "dead," but is alive and well.

There is a re-commitment to the bus system to make sure the seniors are well served. There will be some cost saving issues, such as, replacing larger buses with 40' buses on some routes, and the possible use a shuttle system. Vice Mayor Dixon proposed at the last council meeting to distribute to Milpitas residents a full color newsletter (without advertisements) four times a year. It would be a finely focussed newsletter about the community. City Council will be hiring a person to write the text and it would be produced "in-house." She stated the cost would be \$20,000 or less and the first issue is targeted for end of spring. She further stated that Mark Rogge and Greg Armendariz are beginning to look at architects for the library project.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Committee

Chair Weisgerber stated the meeting in January was an all day session discussing the future of the Council on Aging. Chair Weisgerber was also appointed to a subcommittee regarding health issues. The March meeting would have a guest speaker from the League of Women Voters.

2.3 AARP

Joanne Wood stated that the Installation of Officers event was held on January 15, 2004. They had a presentation on enhanced vision. She further stated that candidate Bloomberg of the Green Party would be coming to talk with them regarding the propositions on the ballot for the March election.

2.4 Nutrition Site Council

Roseanne Costabile stated that at the February 15, 2004, meeting people stated that the food was good and Art Swanson commented that the soup was good. Art Swanson also attended the Project Council meeting.

**2.5 Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Resources Com.**

No report.

2.6 Arts Commission

No report.

2.7 50th Anniversary Update

Commissioner Santos stated that on January 26, 2004, the 50th Anniversary celebration was held at City Hall. There were gifts and mementoes distributed and past Mayors and Councilmembers were present. Other activities included Councilmembers speaking about the past decades, an art exhibit and a memory book available for purchased (\$25) and signing. Commissioner Santos stated that it was a memorable event.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month, April 27, 2004, at 1:30 pm, in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherie Sherrod
Commission Secretary